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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

Applicant: JOHN C. SMITH

Title: DIAGNOSTIC METHOD

The prior application is assigned of record to AstraZeneca AB, a Swedish corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on February 8, 2001, at 011540/0701.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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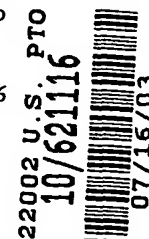
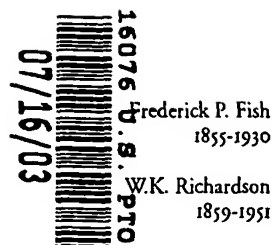
- - Preliminary Amendment (8 pages); copy of Petition for Extension of Time as filed in parent application serial no. 09/778,900 (1 page); and acknowledgement Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/778,900, filed February 8, 2001, which claims priority to United Kingdom application number 0004232.5, filed February 24, 2000. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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